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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON  
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INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP, BM, SW  
SUBJECT: NEW INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN

1. NEDUNGOTTU PHILIP ALEXANDER, INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO BURMA SINCE FEBRUARY 1975, RECENTLY LEFT RANGOON FOR HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN. AMBASSADOR ALEXANDER WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 20, 1929. HE GRADUATED FROM MADRAS UNIVERSITY WITH AN MA IN ENGLISH AND ECONOMICS, AND WAS EMPLOYED AS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH IN MADRAS UNTIL HE INTERED THE INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1953. AMBASSADOR ALEXANDER SERVED AS VICE CONSUL IN GENEVA FROM JUNE 1956 UNTIL JUNE 1958; FIRST SECRETARY IN ACCRA, 1958-60; AND DEPUTY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, 1961-64. HE THEN SERVED IN BONN AND BELGRADE AS COUNSELOR BEFORE RETURNING TO NEW DELHI IN 1971 AS JOINT SECRETARY AT THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO BURMA IN FEBRUARY 1975.

2. AMBASSADOR ALEXANDER IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER RACHEL THOMAS. THEY HAVE TWO SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER. IN ADDITIONAL TO TAMIL, HINDI AND ENGLISH, THE AMBASSADOR IS FLUENT IN FRENCH, AND ALSO SPAKS SOME MALAY, GERMAN AND SERBO-CROATIAN.

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3. THE ALEXANDERS WERE A POPULAR COUPLE IN RANGOON DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES AND ALWAYS APPEARED FRIENDLY TOWARDS AMERICANS. HE SEEMED QUITE KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE LOCAL SCENE AND WILLING TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. ALEXANDER HAD A PARTICULARLY WARM PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BEAN.

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